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Minutes of Special meeting, held April 30 and May 1, 1874, at the Grand Central Hotel,

First Session, 1:30 P. M., April 30.

Vice-President, A. S. BARNES, Esq., in the Chair.

The following houses were represented :

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Minutes of preceding meeting approved.

The Arbitration Committee, through its chairman, requested that members would be more expeditious in obtaining evidence in cases under arbitration, and stated that much delay had been attributed to the Committee, which really was due to the slowness of parties in obtaining evidence.

The special Committee on the introduction of Guyot's Geographies and the new American Readers into the schools of Macon, Mo., reported that said introduction " was had in opposition to the By-Laws of the Board of Trade," but that they exonerated the publishers from all wrong intention. The parties at issue requested a postponement of action on the report till the next day.

The Committee on Reorganization read their report which was discussed until adjournment.

Adjourned till 11 A. M., May 1.

Session 11 A. M., May 1.

Vice-President in Chair.

Roll call dispensed with.

The Treasurer presented a report which was referred to the Executive Committee for audit.

Messrs. Andrew Armstrong and J. H. Butler, in behalf of their respective houses, stated that they accepted the verdict of the Committee that their action was irregular (though not intentionally so) in the Macon case; but protested against the infliction of any penalty.

Mr. Sherwood moved the following:

Resolved, That the penalty stipulated in Art. XXII. of By-Laws be enforced against Scribner, Armstrong & Co. and J. H. Butler & Co. for violation of rules of Board as reported by special committee on their case. Carried.

The report of the Committee on Reorganization was then discussed till adjournment.

Mr. Isaac Sheldon offered a set of By-Laws regarding Arbitrations, as substitutes for those presented by the committee. They were referred to the committee, and Messrs. I. Sheldon and Brewer were, by vote, appointed to assist in their consideration.

Session at 2.30 P. M., May 1.

Vice-President in the chair.

Roll call dispensed with.

The committee reported Mr. Sheldon's resolutions for the conduct of arbitrations, and they were incorporated in the By-Laws.

Discussion of the other By-Laws was then resumed.

The question of discounts was thoroughly debated, and it was concluded that while the subject merits early attention, no definite changes were practicable at this meeting.

Mr. Sherwood moved :

Resolved, That this Board employ no travelling agents, and all By-Laws, or portions of By-Laws, inconsistent with this resolution, are hereby repealed. Carried.

Mr. Bragg moved :

Resolved, That each house be authorized to employ one agent or attorney to travel for the firm, and inspect its business, with a view to seeing that the By-Laws are being observed, but said agent shall not be permitted make or work for introduction of books. Carried.

Mr. Soper moved :

Resolved, That each house be permitted to have eight corresponding agencies. *Amended to six and carried.*

Mr. Holt moved :

Resolved, That the old By-Laws for the government of corresponding agencies and branch offices be revived. Carried.

Mr. Sherwood moved :

Resolved, That the Articles of Association and By-Laws, as modified at the present meeting, be now adopted as a whole. Carried.

Mr. Woolworth moved :

Resolved, That the Secretary, with the advice of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, codify the Articles of Association and By-Laws passed and revived at this meeting, and that the signatures of the members thereto be requested. Carried.

Mr. Taintor moved :

Resolved, That whereas the action of the agents in the Macon case was under the direction of their principals, they are not amenable to the penalties prescribed in By-Law XXII.

Resolved, That while the committee report that the houses guilty of the violation in the Macon case did not act with evil intention, they are nevertheless amenable to that portion of By-Law XXII. prescribed "if it shall appear that a violation has been made by the connivance or with the knowledge of the employer." Carried.

Adjourned.

HENRY HOLT, Secretary.

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NOTES IN SEASON.

WE have to note another extension of "Booksellers' Row," as the Astor Place block is now known. Messrs. Macmillan & Co. have moved from Bleeker street to No. 21 Astor Place, where they have a pleasant and convenient store, opening on both streets. This building now contains the Mercantile Library, trade salesrooms of Messrs. George A. Leavitt & Co., and the stores of Hurd & Houghton, Wiley & Son, D. G. Francis, and Macmillan & Co., while in the Bible House, besides the several religious publishing societies, are T. Whittaker, and Warren & Wyman; and in the Cooper Institute, also in the square, Pott, Young & Co. This locality is fast becoming the trade centre up town; in fact it is already more of a centre than any other place in town.

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ANOTHER life of Sumner is nearly ready, that by G. and J. D. Chaplin, with introduction by ex-Gov. Chaplin, who has furnished a good part of the material. Mr. Sumner resided with him for some years. It will contain a heliotype portrait, *fac-similes* of letters, and 400 pages of text. D. Lothrop & Co. have it in press.

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"Passages from the Life of Charles Knight," the distinguished publisher, is at last ready at the Putnams', with whom, we should add, Estes & Lauriat, Boston, join in the publication. The lives of the Chambers and of Constable have formed very interesting reading, and Mr. Knight, as the originator of such popular books as Knight's History of England, etc., has peculiar claims on the public attention.

ROBERTS BROS. will shortly issue "Sea and Shore," a volume of poetical selections for summer tourists uniform with Mrs. Hunt's "Bits of Talk." We understand the editors are Miss Preston, author of "Love in the 19th Century," and Mrs. Goddard, of the *Daily Advertiser*.

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The Progress of the Union.

We learn from the Corresponding Secretary of the Book Trade Union, Mr. Gunn, that endorsements of the action of the convention are still coming in from all parts of the country, from dealers who send their names as members of the organization. We give a few of their expressions of opinion.

Reed & Adriance, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., write:—"Herewith we send you one dollar to add our mite and our name to the American Book-Trade Union, and take the liberty of endorsing the terse and comprehensive letter of Messrs. A. D. F.

Randolph & Co. to your convention, trusting that better times are coming for the book trade."

N. S. Harding & Co., Nebraska City, Neb., say:—"We heartily endorse the action of the convention as reported in the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY of February 21st. If the good work so intelligently begun by yourself and a few others is continued with the same vigor and in the same spirit of good feeling, it must soon result in great benefit to all the trade."

Wistar, Wales & Co., Minneapolis, Minn., send word:—"We heartily sympathize in the movement now going on for the better regulation of

bookselling, especially as it relates to discounts. We will write you in relation to the trade in this part of the Northwest."

Bolza & Reynolds, Muskegon, Mich., say:—"We fully approve your proceedings at last convention, and trust you will push the thing to the wall."

D. H. Davis, Coldwater, Mich., writes:—"I am in full sympathy with the general objects of the American Book Trade Union, and hope they may be speedily consummated."

Shumway & Co., Pottsville, Pa., write:—"We have read with much interest your proceedings as published in the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, and can assure you that we will do all in our power to bring about the much needed reformation. We feel perhaps to a greater extent than our brethren out West the demoralizing effects of underselling by publishers and jobbers, located, as we are, so near the great centres of trade. It is to be hoped that publishers will soon see the necessity of protecting retail trade."

W. H. Bulkley, Louisville, Ky., sends word:—"Allow me to say I heartily concur in this movement. It has long been needed."

Eaton, Lyon & Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., say:—"We have read the proceedings of the association with great interest, and heartily approve of the object in view. We hope Mr. Aston will be met in a kindly spirit on his mission East."

M. J. Riegel, Easton, Pa., writes:—"I herewith enclose you most cheerfully the membership fee. I have not time to write an extended letter at this time, but desire to signify my entire approval of the measures inaugurated by this union."

Eyrich & Co., Jackson, Miss., say:—"We have never given a dollar with more pleasure, and stand ready to pay any further reasonable amount, if by so doing we can in a measure, at least, attain the object for which the convention in February last was held."

Among other dealers who have sent their names and fees, and become members of the Book-Trade Union, we mention but a few, as Messrs. Robt. Clarke & Co., Cincinnati, O.; Andrew Selleck, Norwalk, Conn.; J. H. Reed & Bro., Mansfield, O.; T. D. Woodruff, Quincy, Ill.; Crumrine & Nichol, Steubenville, O.; John Baer & Sons, Lancaster, Pa.; Rev. W. J. Shuey, agent United Brethren Publishing House, Dayton, O.; T. O. Stearns, Hamilton, N. Y. These endorsements show conclusively that the movement is representative and national. In the few names we give, ten States, from Connecticut and New York to Minnesota and Nebraska, are represented, and we have the best reason to believe that the sentiments of the letters quoted are shared by the entire retail trade of the country. This is certainly encouraging to the good work, which we

trust to see pushed to a successful issue. It will help much if those who have not sent their names to Mr. Gunn, and who intend doing so, do so at once.

OUR readers will find the minutes of the special meeting of the Publishers' Board of Trade, for re-organization, given in full elsewhere. The attendance, it will be noted, was very general, and the outcome of the meeting was in a new constitution and by-laws, which make some changes, the most important modification being, that any house may withdraw on sixty days' notice. The Board has already accomplished so much for the school book trade, that it is to be hoped the new clause will remain a dead letter. Any house which should withdraw would benefit itself but for a short time, and precipitate upon the trade the demoralizing and costly evils of the old system, by which it would eventually be itself a loser. It was expected that a conference with the retailers on the subject of prices and underselling would have been had previous to this meeting, on which action would be taken, but the Book Trade Union unwisely let the opportunity pass, and consequently nothing was done directly bearing upon the one reform which is the most important to the trade.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

Against Bare-Backed Books.

BALTIMORE, April 29, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

WE have for some time past been thinking of asking your attention to the annoyance caused by the omission of titles on the backs of books, and will take this opportunity of doing so.

As you are aware, in connection with our drawing material and stationery business, we keep on hand technical books only, chiefly those relating to architecture, engineering, fine arts, mechanics, and kindred subjects. Many books on those subjects are lettered on the side, in some cases quite elaborately, while their backs are left entirely bare, necessitating their removal from the shelves to ascertain the subject treated of. Many of those bare-backed books, on different branches, so closely resemble each other, that a customer who may take the trouble to remove one to discover its title, will quite likely suppose them to be all alike, and very often a sale is missed in consequence, to the loss of both publisher and bookseller.

Ourselves now and then overlook a book that may be asked for, in consequence of this omission.

Only a few days ago, supposing we were out of it, we ordered some copies of a very slow-selling book, and found afterwards that we had a full supply (two copies) on the shelf.

Publishers as well as booksellers place signs over their doors to ask attention to their business, and placards in their windows to call attention to this, that or the other "very best treatise on the subject," besides spending small fortunes in advertising them. Surely it is quite as important to have the title of any work ranged before the eye of a customer, who in nine cases out of ten is not looking for any particular book, but for books treating of some particular subject. If he sees a blank back he is very likely to overlook it.

To lay all such books *separately* on the counters would require more room than most persons have to spare; if they are stacked up one on the other on the counter, the omission of back lettering is nearly as fatal to its title being seen, except for one or two of the upper books, as but few persons will take the trouble to remove them one by one for examination; besides this, books become much sooner shop-worn in such positions than if they were ranged on the shelves.

Another consideration should be recognized: the inconvenience and lost time to the purchaser in referring to his books. A library without back titles would be more of a nuisance than a work on practical subjects without an index.

Let us look at a few books on our shelves, for examples. Here are three folios of about the same size and thickness:

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LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

ATTENTION is called to the corrected advertising page of "Law's Simplified Interest Tables." In the former insertion the figures of interest were not properly placed under the figures of principal.

A NEW book by Mrs. D. G. Croly ("Jennie June"), "For Better or Worse," having the wedded life for its subject, is in press at Lee & Shepard's.

THERE is to be a new book auction house in Boston, conducted by Mr. Salem.

MR. J. H. UNDERWOOD's new novel is a tale of Kentucky life, a score of years ago. It is called "Lord of Himself." Lee & Shepard have it in press.

A WORK on the "Relation of Patent Laws to Modern Industrial, Social and Intellectual Progress," is promised by Prof. J. A. Whitney, President of the New York Society of Practical Engineering. He introduces it by an essay on the history of inventions from the earliest times to the adoption of patent laws early in the 17th century.

ARTHUR B. FROST is the name of a new artist on wood, whose illustrations in Max Adeler's volume, "Out of the Hurly Burly," give great promise. They are his first efforts in book illustrating, and, as specimens of humorous designs, are among the best of their class which have appeared for some time. The quality of the drawing is a little uneven, but the designs are full of originality and humor.

A. L. LUYSTER has opened a branch establishment at 626 Arch street, Philadelphia, where he will keep a large stock of American and imported second-hand books.

ST. NICHOLAS appears to be a perfect ogre among magazines. Its latest achievement was to swallow up "The Children's Hour," edited and published by T. S. Arthur of Philadelphia.

JESSE HANEY & CO. will shortly issue a revised illustrated edition of the Carver and Gilder's Guide and Picture-Frame Maker's Companion.

Burdon's condensed milk and Liebig's extract of beef are popular, and why should we not have diluted literature treated in like fashion? "Clarissa Harlowe," Mr. Holt's experiment in this direction, will be ready in a week or so. Richardson was one of the three writers who combined to found the English novel, and it is the prolixity of his books which chiefly prevents his attracting readers in these hurry-scurry days. This abridged edition, which will form a 500 page volume in the "Leisure Hour Series," will obviate this difficulty.

FOR fear a false impression should be made by our speaking of "A Fast Life on the Modern Highway" as a bit of *ana*, let us say that it is not a disjointed compilation, but a continuous humorous work, into which many funny stories are worked. It is of the Mark Twain order of literature, but gives in its chapters on the work of each kind of employee on a railroad a great deal of useful information.

J. B. LIPPINCOTT & CO., of Philadelphia, will publish immediately "The Story of My Life as a Student and Professor," by Heinrich Steffens, translated from the German by William L. Gage; "Rome as it is," by Mrs. H. R. Scott, with illustrations, 12mo.; "The Universe and the Coming Transits," by Richard A. Proctor, with charts; "Hulda," a novel, after the German of Fanny

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FRED. J. ENGELHARDT, of the *Turf, Field and Farm* has ready his "Rowing Almanac and Oarsman's Pocket Companion," for 1874. The boating fraternity will find this issue much more perfect and useful than last year's. In addition to the usual record of races, accurate tables, etc., it contains clear and correct maps of the rowing courses of Springfield, Harlem River, the Upper Hudson at Troy and Saratoga Lake, and in the miscellaneous department much that is important to all oarsmen. It is a handy 24mo, flexible cloth, and sells at 50 cents, and not for \$1.00, as stated in a former number.

"FOR LOVE AND LIFE" is the title of Mrs. Oliphant's new novel.

THE new hymn and tune book just ready at Randolph's, "Hymns and Songs of Praise," promises to be one of the most popular in the market. It will be a handsome octavo of 600 pages, in very nice paper, and with a very clear and beautiful music type. It will include 1,400 hymns, with ample indices, and the names of its editors, Drs. Hitchcock, Eddy and Schaff, assure the public that the selection is made with judgment and taste. A cheaper edition, without the music, and another abridged for chapel use, will also be issued.

THE Rev. H. R. Waite, who graduated from Hamilton in '68, and is now pastor of an American chapel in Rome, is re-editing his "Carmina Collegensia," decidedly the best collection of college songs we have yet had, which was published by him, when at college, through O. Ditson & Co. In this edition he wishes to include all new college songs, and those of colleges unrepresented before, brief histories of the colleges, college views and college colors.

A BOY asked at a book-store the other day for "You know how it is yourself." With some difficulty it was ascertained that he wanted Charles Reade's "Put Yourself in His Place."

Foreign News.

THE speeches and unpublished political articles of Bulwer Lytton are to be issued shortly.

It is said that Mr. Charles Reade is at present engaged in the composition of a work of fiction on the subject which has occupied the attention of Mr. Plimsoll—the sending forth of overloaded and unseaworthy vessels. Mr. Plimsoll will, we are told, himself furnish the data.

As a contribution to the literature of the future, there has been published in England the "Annals of the Twenty-ninth Century; or, the Autobiography of the Tenth President of the World-Republic."

BROCKHAUS of Leipzig will shortly publish the first volume of a work he entitles "The Modern Plutarch," to contain biographies, averaging about 80 pages each, of important persons from the Reformation to the present time. The first volume will comprise Luther, by Heinrich Rueckert; Cromwell, by Prof. Rosenkranz, of Königsberg; and Henry IV., by Philipson, of Bonn. Herr Gottschall, the editor of *Unsere Zeit* and the *Blätter für literarische Unterhaltung*, will also edit "The Modern Plutarch."

ANCIENT bookbinding, says the *Athenæum*, is well represented at the International Exhibition this year. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, the Dean and Chapter of Durham, and Cambridge University contribute examples; and the Duke of Devonshire, the Duke of Buccleuch, the Marquis of Louthian, Lord Spencer, Lord Orford, Mr. Gibson Craig, Mr. Henry Gibbs, Mr. A. Franks, Mr. T. O. Barlow, and Mr. Robert Turner send many volumes, decorated in the taste of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, from the famous libraries of Henri Deux and Diane de Poitiers, Marguerite de Valois, Grolier, Maioli, De Thou, and other celebrated book-collectors. English binding from the time of Henry the Eighth to the days of Queen Anne is also well illustrated. There is besides a fine collection of modern bookbinding, French and English.

AMONG the coming English publications a new form by the author of "Orlig Grange," is announced, entitled "Borland Hall."

MESSRS. BICKERS & SON have in press a new edition of Pepys' and Evelyn's Diaries, and of Ben Jonson's works, the last to be in nine volumes.

"The Cyclopædia of Costume; or, a Dictionary of Dress, Regal, Ecclesiastical, Civil and Military, from the earliest period in England to the reign of George the Third," is the title of a work, by Mr. J. R. Planche, F.S.A., to be published by Messrs. Chatto & Windus, in twenty-four monthly parts, profusely illustrated.

AMONG those interested in the projected international society of men of letters are Victor Hugo, George Sand, Henri Laube, Paul Heyse, Alphonse Karr, Hacklaender and Paul Feval.

IN Otto Schulz's "Address Book of the German Book Trade for 1874" there are altogether 4,369 firms registered; 1,074 of them are publishers, 173 are printsellers, 95 musicsellers, 118 wholesale printsellers, 146 wholesale musicsellers, 86 old book dealers, 2,608 general booksellers and stationers. 1,439 firms from various parts of Germany have branch establishments at Leipzig. There are 214 brokers—of whom Berlin has 34, Leipzig 104, Perth 7, Prague 15, Stuttgart 17, Vienna 32, and Zurich 5. Of the entire number of firms, 3,373 are established in the German Empire, 5 in Luxemburg, 553 in Austria, 485 in other European countries, 74 in America, 2 in Asia, and one in Australia.—*London Stationer.*

A MAGNIFICENT Industrial International Exhibition is to take place at Paris next year. The Industry Palace will be considerably enlarged for this purpose, the entire Cours de la Reine and adjoining avenues being annexed to the building.

A COMMITTEE of the Austrian Booksellers' Union has just presented a report on the subject of the confusion which has arisen in the practice of allowing discounts to retail customers. A convention, to which 269 Austrian firms have subscribed, leaves them free to allow a discount in the case of large orders only by special arrangement, and to carry out existing agreements. It is further agreed that second-hand booksellers, so far as they deal in new books, be required to adhere to the published price; and that no transactions whatever be allowed with booksellers who refuse to conform to this agreement.

THE Austrian authorities have just revised the regulations under which free copies of published works are to be sent to the libraries and other establishments entitled to them. The list is somewhat more extensive than our own. One copy of everything printed for sale is to be sent to the Ministry of State, the Ministry of Police, the Imperial Library, and such other university or public libraries as may be designated by an order from the proper authority. In the case of works, the printing of which is especially costly, power is given to compensate the publisher at a rate to be fixed by special order.—*Printing Times*.

LIBRARY CORNER.

AT a meeting of the shareholders of the New York Society Library, held Tuesday evening, 28th ult., at the Library Building, University Place, the following Trustees were elected for the ensuing year: Frederic De Peyster, Otis D. Swan, William J. Hoppin, William Adams, Charles R. Swords, Evert A. Duyckinck, Henry C. Dorr, Charles E. Strong, Stephen P. Nash, Robert Lenox Kennedy, Edward Schell, Frederick Sheldon, John L. Cadwalader, Henry Drisler, and Richard E. Mount.

ACCORDING to the annual report of the San Francisco Mercantile Library, the number of books taken from the library during 1873 was 88,751, against 88,916 drawn out in 1872, and 84,710 in 1871. The membership remains about the same (2,000) as it was a year ago, but the number of books has increased (36,000-33,000). As to the kind of books or authors most patronized, the librarian gives no statistics.

MR. WINSOR's report of the operations of the Boston Public Library for the month of March shows a use during that time of 73,484 volumes, of 467,855 volumes during the past year, and of 5,130,389 volumes since the establishment of the library in 1853. As in most libraries, Mrs. Southworth leads in popularity, but 13 per cent. of the volumes of her works owned by the library remaining on the shelves, as compared with 53 per cent. of Dickens', 47 of Cooper's, and 66 of Scott's. The librarian notes there are now in the library 251,896 volumes, which will soon be increased 10,000 volumes by the addition of the Barton Library.

THERE is to be established a library and reading room at the headquarters of the Typographical Union (No. 6), 73 Chatham street, to which all liberally disposed are invited to contribute books and papers—always excepting bound volumes of documentary reports and similar books which no one reads.

THE State Library at Trenton, N. J., contains 19,131 volumes.

IN connection with the festivities attending the millennial anniversary of Iceland's colonization—the 1st of August next—when the new constitution granted by the King of Denmark, giving the control of the island into the hands of an elective legislature, goes into effect—it is proposed by some of our men of letters, among them Mr. Longfellow and Mr. Curtis, to present the public library of Iceland a small collection of American books. This library is located at Reykjavik, the capital, and at present numbers some 10,000 vols.; it is called the "Stiptisbokasafu." The matter is in charge of the American Geographical Society, and all desiring to share in this enterprise can do so by sending any contributions to the rooms of the Society at Cooper Institute.

A LIBRARY has been founded by the Khedive of Egypt at Cairo, for which he is collecting Arabic manuscripts preserved in mosques and monasteries throughout his dominions. He has already obtained thirty copies of the Koran, one of which is said to be 1150 years old.

Every Saturday makes two practical suggestions as to private libraries, the first, to get rid of the backs in a line of books caused by the upright supports or partitions: "We have seen an ingenious remedy in morocco backs, duly gilded and lettered, riding these partitions, so that to the eye they are books, yet never can be taken down. Another practical difficulty which annoys one is the tendency of books in paper to fray at the edges of the back and then to fall to pieces. A simple preventive will be found in two narrow strips of cloth clasping the upper and lower edge of the back of the book. They need be no wider than a narrow tape, but they will preserve the book much beyond its appointed time for breaking up."

A LONDON literary weekly speaks of "the Superintendent of the American Public Libraries." Here is a new opening for those wanting situations.

OBITUARY.

John Campbell.

MR. JOHN CAMPBELL, a well-known bookseller in Philadelphia, died at his residence in that city on the 29th ult. Mr. Campbell was born in Armagh county, Ireland, in the year 1810. He afterwards went to England, where he took a prominent part in the Chartist movement, and came to this country in 1843, in consequence of a threatened prosecution by the British government. He had previously been engaged in bookselling in London, and on coming to this country engaged in the same business in Philadelphia, in which he remained up to the time of his death. He had an excellent knowledge of books, and was much respected for his many sterling qualities.

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